



## **CITY OF BRAWLEY**

January 21, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 12:00 PM, Lions Center Small Meeting Room, 225 A Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

**Chairperson Garcia** called meeting to order @ 12:09pm.

**PRESENT:** Garcia, Hamby, Benavides, Dickerson, Jauregui

**ABSENT:** Estrada, Miller

**STAFF:** Mello, Moore, Self, Perez

**CITY MANAGER:** Rosanna Bayon Moore

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Benavides, Jauregui 5-2

### **2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

None

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for October 15, 2019 were **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Benavides/Dickerson 5-2

### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **a. Parks Update:**

Perez stated Parks crew is prepping baseball fields including Beechey and Wiest Fields. At Beechey Field, Parks crew covered dugouts and will pour cement to level them out to the field. The department ordered two benches with developer impact fees to place behind the dugouts.

#### **b. Recreation Update:**

Self stated the basketball youth league begins today (January 21<sup>st</sup>) and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades are playing today at 5pm-8pm games. We have 29 teams, 310 players and they will be playing Monday-Friday.

The attendance for the Movie Night on December only had about 100 people.

#### **City updates:**

City Manager Moore explained to the Commission that due to budget constraints, the City has removed from the budget Girls Softball and Adult Softball League. There has been interest in keeping the Girls Softball program going. The program takes \$13,400.00 to run. In previous years there was a \$35.00 charge per girl and as of right now it's approximately \$112.00 per girl for full cost recovery with 120 participants. If the stakeholders (coaches, parents) could raise \$5,000.00 then it would be \$70.00 per participant. Imperial Valley Girls Softball organization charges \$125.00 early bird cost and \$175.00 for regular registration.

Garcia shared his concerns about not offering a girls softball league. He would rather see the children play and there could be ways to cut costs. He suggested, coaches could umpire their own games, start games

at 5pm instead of 5:30pm, coaches could prep and line the fields, parents could be asked to have their player in a certain color or no uniform and the team could maybe order their own uniforms. Self expressed a concern with starting earlier and that is the issue of the weather being too hot because last year there was a player that passed out. City Manager Moore suggested a meeting with the coaches from last year to inform them about the status of the league and Self agreed. Jauregui would rather see children playing and if fees were raised some parents would pay to have their child play.

City Manager Moore mentioned the adult softball league was also taken out of the budget. There is no approved budget for the program so it was eliminated. If there were interest in the league, it would have to triple in team registration price. Historically we have offered the program at \$375.00 per team, which is \$19.00 per player with a 20-player roster. The fee would likely go up to around \$900.00 per team or more which would equal to \$45-\$60 per player on a 20-roster team. A memo will be sent out to coaches regarding the fee and if there is still interest in having a league and a meeting will be set as well. Mayor Pro Tempore Hamby mentioned the City is beyond the point of giving or subsidizing fees. It's unfortunate that we didn't have a gradual change, but the city doesn't have money in the budget. Benavides stated as a player; it's quite a big jump in fees for adult softball. The teams usually get a sponsor, but might not with jump in price. It would be hard.

**5. Commission Member Comments:**

Dickerson asked if a yearly calendar could be made with all the meeting dates listed. The Commissioners mentioned that it would be a good idea.

**6. Other Announcements**

City Manager Moore announced the city council recognized the helpers from the tree-planting event at Hinojosa Park. They included the young people from the Interact Club, a member from Rotary, members of the Commission, and the neighbors from the surrounding park area.

Regarding the Teen Center, City-planned programming stopped on December 30, 2019. The Boys and Girls Clubs has resumed their programming 3 days a week until June 30, 2020. Details are still being worked out for beyond June 30, 2020.

In addition, some community members will be submitting a video entry to HGTV Hometown Make Over. The group is being spearheaded by Mary Emanuelli, Barri Smith and Tyler Smith. They will attend the Council meeting to ask for Council's support.

**7. ADJOURNMENT @ 1:03pm**

*Rachel V. Zepeda-Administrative Secretary*